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R. A. Falconer L.L.D., D.D.
University of Toronto.
Toronto,
Canada.

Dear Sir:-

I am studying to matriculate for the course in medicine in Toronto University. I am engaged in other work and am taking the matriculation work by subjects. I have written Of Latin, French, English literature and English composition. I am now studying mathematics, science and history and expect to be able to write them Of next June.

Since the war in Europe has broken out I have been rather unsettled as to my proper course. I would like to go to the war but am afraid that I will loose credit for what I have done towards getting my matriculation.

I think I can prove to the satisfaction of yourself and the University Senate that I am competent to handle the medical work

by the standing I have taken on the subjects that I have written on.

Do you think it would be of any use for me to get recommendations from the tutors that I have had on my work, showing the long the time I have taken to get the subjects that I have passed on and my ability as a student to handle such work, in order to get a permit to take the medical work after coming back from the war without completing my matriculation.

If it would be possible to get such a permit without staying until June to write on the regular examination I think probably that I could go to the war as an Officer. If I would love credit for what work I have done or have to complete the work if I came back from the war I intend to stay until June and complete my matriculation.

I am sure I can get good recommendations from teachers of Parkdale Collegiate, Toronto and also from teachers of Ottawa collegiate as to my ability as a student. I have had teachers from these schools as tutors.

If you think it will be worth while to try to get an entrance to medical school in this way without staying until June and thereby getting away to the

& the war earlies please let me know.

I feel that I cannot afford & loose too much time in getting an entrance to medical school as I will soon be twenty three year old but if under the circumstances I would be permitted on entrance I am quite willing to go & the war.

Yours very truly,

W. W. Foster.

December 16th, 1914

Mr. W. M. Porter,

Port Dover, Ont.

Dear Sir:

It would not be possible for you to enter the University on the four subjects of matriculation, and the Medical Council is even more rigid in its demands in this respect than the University. Hitherto any exception that has been given to students with regard to Matriculation on account of enlisting for the war was due to the fact that last summer when they were in the midst of their preparations for their final examinations in September the war broke out and they enlisted. The same conditions do not hold at present. I would strongly advise you therefore to continue your work and obtain your matriculation, unless you feel that the higher call of duty is for the present to abandon the thought of entering the University, but this is a matter that each must decide for himself.

Yours sincerely,

President.